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BRENNAN GETS VENUE CHANGE

Flint Showman Held in Epler Murder Mystery Will Be Tried Outside of Gratiot.

CASE TO CLINTON COUNTY

Inez Johnson, Third of Trio Held in Case, Was Arraigned Before Moinet Saturday.

The case of the People vs. John F. Brennan, Flint showman, held in connection with the Beatrice Epler mystery on a charge of murder, will not be brought to trial in Gratiot county, it was decided Saturday by Circuit Judge E. J. Moinet, following the arguments on the petition for a change of venue which had been filed by the attorneys for the defense.

Following some hours of deliberation between the attorneys for the defense and the prosecution during which they were unable to agree on a place for trying the case, it also fell to the lot of Judge Moinet to decide this point. He decided that the case should be held in the circuit court at St. Johns, which is a portion of the Clinton-Gratiot circuit. This means that Judge Moinet will act in the case.

It is believed that the case will get under way this coming Monday, unless the attorneys for the defense file for a continuance. This is regarded as more than likely as one of the attorneys for the defense has been ill for some little time and confined in a hospital and has not entirely regained his strength. It is regarded as a certainty that such a motion would meet with the consent of the court and that it will throw the case over for a couple of months.

Attorneys Travers, & Purcell of Saginaw and Goggin of Alma appeared in court Saturday for the defendant and they laid great stress on the probable cost of the case if tried in Gratiot and also on the fact that there probably has been a prejudice created against the defendant since the conviction of Eichorn. The fact that several venires were called before a jury was secured in the Eichorn case, furnished a good example of the probable cost, especially in view of the additional publicity which has been given during the Eichorn case.

In granting the change of venue Judge E. J. Moinet called attention to the fact that while there was no noticeable prejudice before the conviction of Eichorn, that there probably is now. He also called attention to the probable expense of trying the case in Gratiot county. It was set forth that the expense of the change of venue would probably be offset by the expense in Gratiot of securing a jury.

Saturday afternoon Inez Johnson, the Alma woman who is held in connection with the case, under charges of murder, was arraigned before Judge Moinet. Attorney Charles Goggin of this city, who is handling the case against her in regard to running a house of ill-fame, appeared in court and asked that an attorney be appointed for her for the murder case. Mrs. Johnson was put on the stand and questioned regarding the ability of herself and ex-husband, Jas. Johnson, and her father to provide funds for an attorney. It was brought out that she was without funds for such expenses, and it was improbable that she would be able to obtain funds. The appointment of an attorney was held up pending investigation into the financial condition of herself and relatives in regard to their ability to furnish legal talent for the case. As a result when arraigned she stood mute and the court directed that a plea of not guilty be entered for her.

In case that the Brennan trial is put over, Prosecutor Ora L. Smith will endeavor to get the trial of Mrs. Johnson started first, so that the cases can be brought to a conclusion just as quickly as possible. It is expected that any attempt to secure a change of venue for the Alma woman will meet with a big legal battle from the prosecution.

BY CARD

Sugar for Canning Must Be Obtained by Use of Card at Grocers.

Sugar to be used for canning purposes may be obtained by house holders at their grocers in twenty-five pound lots, it is announced, but at the time of securing the sugar a card must be signed which states that the sugar is to be used for this purpose.

These cards will be sent to the food administration each week, where they will very probably be checked up. In this case those who secure such amounts of sugar from several grocers are apt to bump into unlooked for trouble.

WAY OVER

Red Cross Drive in Alma Brought Some Astonishing Results.

Right on top of her successful Third Liberty Loan campaign, Alma put one over for the Red Cross, which is worthy of note, reports up to this morning, showing Alma nearly two thousand dollars above her quota, and Chairman L. A. Sharp says that it will go higher.

Up to this morning a total of \$5,197.53 had been reported in to the chairman as a result of the Red Cross drive in this city. Of this amount \$2,026.03 has already been paid, leaving unpaid pledges of \$3,171.50 for the drive.

Chairman Sharp said that not all of the solicitors have yet reported and he expects that the drive in this city will net over \$6,000 for the Red Cross. The amount over the quota in Alma may be needed in some of the townships of the county to insure the county going over when final returns are compiled, but certain it is that the county will go over.

The quota for Alma was \$3,505.00, so that Alma will contribute about 2,000 more than its quota, so that the city will go over about 50 per cent above the quota which was assigned to it.

The results speak a high word of praise for the band of solicitors which Chairman Sharp had aiding him in the work, and together with him, they deserve great credit for the campaign.

DEEP WELL WATER

SUPPLY FAVORABLE

One Finished Well Indicates Plenty of Water Will Be Found

Indications that Alma will soon have her pure well water supply are looking better as the drilling of the wells for the city water proceeds, one of which was finished Tuesday, giving a fine flow of water with such force as to indicate that the supply of water will be well adequate to take care of the needs of the city, when fifteen wells contemplated are ready.

The wells are being sunk in the low spot across from the Union school, on the north side of East Superior St., and in different parts of the city. Pumps are being ordered, which are to be placed in a pumping station which will be erected later, and which is expected to be ready by December 1st.

The pumping station will have a solid concrete basement, well water-proofed, so that the water cannot leak into the basement when the river is high. The pumps will be located in the basement, so that the water from the wells will flow direct to the pumps and save that much labor on them.

The pumping station above the basement will be of brick construction, and will be one story in height, and back about one hundred feet from the street. The size of the building is not yet known, but it is expected that it will be about forty by forty feet.

When the work of drilling the wells and erecting the pumping station is completed, the block in which the pumping station and wells are located will be beautified and made into a park if the present plans are carried out.

HEAD BADLY CUT

Harry Campbell Injured in Runaway on State Street Monday.

Harry Campbell of this city was rather badly injured Monday afternoon, when a horse which he was driving on State street ran away, and he was thrown out and run over.

The horse started down State street at a rapid pace, and when the corner of State and Center was reached the horse endeavored to turn the corner, but Campbell fought to keep him going down State street, it seems. He managed to keep the horse headed down this street, but when it crossed the walk near the curb, Campbell who was standing in back of the seat, evidently lost his balance and fell out. He struck his head on the curb, inflicting a bad cut. When he fell, it was in such a position that the wagon passed over his body, inflicting some very bad bruises. No bones were broken.

The wagon was the coal wagon of the Commercial Coal company, and on that day Campbell had been secured by the regular driver to take his place for the day. It is not known just what caused the horse to run away.

OVER A HUNDRED HERE.

One hundred and twenty Sammies arrived in Alma Monday, coming here to get Liberty trucks to drive through to the coast, which will later be sent to France. A large number of them have been leaving with trucks during the week.

FIRE STATION A CERTAINTY

New City Owned Structure Will Be Built This Summer for Fire Department.

TO BE A TWO STORY BUILDING

Will Be Erected in Rear of City Hall and Will Face on Gratiot Avenue.

Plans for the proposed fire station for the city of Alma, which were submitted to the city council Tuesday evening at the adjourned regular session, by John White, city engineer, were approved by the council and E. M. Wood is drawing the blue prints for the structure which the city is to have.

The new fire station is to be located just to the north of the present city hall and will face on Gratiot Ave. The building will be two stories and a basement in height, and forty feet in width by sixty feet in length.

The new structure will be constructed of brick and concrete, with a front facing of paving brick. It will be constructed so as to allow ample room for three truck units, the city engineer in his plans having looked into the future, and has provided for a structure in this respect which will be ample for the city's needs for years.

Under the plans the fire department will be located on the first floor in a large room 38x20 feet. Directly to the rear of this room will be another smaller room, about 38x20 feet, which will be used for a tool room.

The second floor will be divided into three apartments, each being about 20x38 feet, to be used in time by the drivers of the fire trucks and their families.

The basement of the new structure will be used by the street department, which is also bound to grow as the city increases in size, and to demand more and more room.

It will be some little time before the blue prints are ready, and the work on the new structure is started, but once the work is under way it will be rushed to completion, and will probably be completed before winter sets in.

City Engineer White also has new plans for a city jail, to have a frontage of twenty-four feet, which may possibly be constructed in the near future, the present jail being anything but a desirable place.

As soon as the fire department is able to get into its new quarters, the present quarters in the city hall will be remodeled and made into a ladies' rest room and a library. Plans for remodeling of this portion of the city hall have not yet been worked out.

KILLS CHILD

Ithaca Doctor Ran Down Own Child And Killed It Tuesday.

One of the saddest accidents which has occurred in the county in years took place in Ithaca Tuesday morning, when Dr. H. F. Kilborn of that place accidentally ran over his eighteen months old son, Stewart, inflicting injuries which caused its death a very short time after in Brainerd hospital in Alma.

It seems that the youngster was playing in the yard, when the doctor received a call. He placed the baby in a railed-off porch enclosure and went to the back of the house for his automobile. While gone the little lad in some way escaped from the enclosure and as the doctor backed the car out the lad toddled in the way of the car.

He was knocked down and his head was crushed. The baby was rushed to Brainerd hospital just as quickly as possible, but nothing could be done for it and it died shortly before noon.

TAKES PASTORATE

Rev. William H. Mason, D. D., Took Up New Work in Saginaw Sunday.

Rev. William Mason, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city for the past five years, is now pastor of the Warren avenue Presbyterian church of Saginaw, he having taken up his work there Sunday.

Rev. Mason was called to the Warren avenue church of Saginaw about two months ago, the Alma Record having an exclusive story at that time in regard to his being called to that city, which gave in considerable detail the work which the well known Alma pastor had done the past.

As near as can be ascertained no successor has as yet been secured by the First Presbyterian church of this city to take the place of Rev. Mason.

POLICE REPORT

Month of May Very Quiet With Alma Police Force.

The police report for the month of May given to the council Tuesday evening, indicates that the force had an easy time during the past month, there being only three arrests during the entire month.

All three were made under the city ordinances, two for violating the traffic ordinance and one for violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Various small matters were investigated by Vibber during the month, in which thefts were reported in some cases. In these cases, it was found that young lads were the guilty parties and they were turned over to the county truant officer. One of these related to the theft of brass from the well drilling machinery used by A. R. Purcell in sinking the city wells. A brass ball worth \$60.00 taken by Ralph Broadhead was sold by him for about twenty cents, according to the report. In all eight lads were reported to the probate judge and county truant officer during the month for petty thefts.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY REGISTERED

Those Who Have Turned 21 During Year Now Liable for Military Service.

Yesterday, Wednesday, June 5, two hundred and fifty young men of Gratiot county, who have turned twenty-one since that date a year ago, registered with the draft board of Gratiot county for military service, for which they are now liable to the same extent as those who were called upon to register in 1917.

It is believed that when the men are checked up the greater part of them will be found to be class one men who will be liable for service ahead of many of those of last year, who have been placed in other classes.

It will probably be several weeks before the draft board has the men classified, and there is a possibility that it will be longer than that. The work will be pushed, however, so that the men may be properly classified as soon as possible.

Quite a number of young men of this county, who have turned twenty-one during the past year have enlisted during the past two months in order to choose their branch of service, rather than depend upon luck in the draft later on.

IN SERVICE

Manager of European Cafe Now a Member of U. S. Fighting Force.

Nick Bardavill of this city, the well known manager of the European Cafe, is now a member of the United States army and is at present in training at Waco, Texas.

Mr. Bardavill, who assumed the management of the European Cafe a little over a year ago, gained a great many friends in this city, where he



NICK BARDVILL

was constantly adding to his circle of friends.

Letters from the southern training camp indicate that Nick is taking to the fighting game with the same spirit in which he carried on his business affairs, seriously, yet good naturedly, and is ready to meet the Hun, when the word goes out for the men from this camp to go across.

He has furnished a good example for others, as Nick is not yet a full-fledged American citizen, but he has high praise for the country in which he has been for some years, and loves the flag and that for which it stands.

There will be an eclipse of the sun Saturday evening for about two hours. The eclipse will start about 5:30 and continue until about 7:30. From here it will be about a three-fourths eclipse.

Mrs. W. E. Barstow of Manchester, James Robinson and family of Lansing, and E. H. Wesson of Lansing, the funeral of Mrs. I. B. Wolfe, were called to Alma May 26 to attend

WILL OPERATE BOTH MOVIES

Idlehour Theatre Building Has Been Leased for Five Years By Murphy Interests.

OWNERS OF THE LIBERTY

Movie Will Be Taken Over the Latter Part of the Month When Old Lease Expires.

The L. F. Murphy interests of Detroit, owners of the Liberty theatre of this city, have added to their Alma interests during the past week by closing a lease with Harry Rockwell for the Idlehour theatre building, which they will take over the latter part of this month.

The lease of the present occupant of the building, C. A. Miller, who has been conducting the Idlehour theatre for the past year, will expire June 23rd, at which time the place will change hands.

Mr. A. H. Ashley, manager of the Liberty theatre, will also have the management of the Idlehour, when the change takes place. In an interview Monday he stated that the present fixtures of the Idlehour had not been purchased by the Murphy interests, but it is intimated that a proposition is on foot to acquire them. If they are not obtained it is the intention of the Murphy interests to purchase new equipment for the theatre.

Mr. Ashley stated that the same grade of shows, which are now being given at the Idlehour theatre would be continued in the future under the new management.

When asked if the theatre would be closed for alterations or redecoration, he stated that it would not be closed, but that before winter the theatre might be redecored.

SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Annual School Exhibit Last Friday Proved Very Interesting.

The annual school exhibit held last week Friday proved one of the most interesting exhibits which has yet been held by the public schools of this city.

The most interesting display was that of the manual training department of the schools, which was in the nature of a revelation to those who have not been in close touch with the work which has been done in this department during the past year.

Numerous articles of furniture were on display, which were made by the pupils of the schools, which created considerable astonishment among those who attended the exhibit, and viewed them. Among these were large rockers, bookcases, and china cabinets, all of them the results of months of hard work on the part of the pupils who made them.

The exhibit of the domestic science and other classes were also very interesting.

The program given Friday evening in the high school auditorium by the various grades, was one of the features of the day. The various living pictures produced by the children of the grades were very well rendered and were warmly greeted by the audience.

PUSH SALES

War Savings Stamp Sales in County to be Pushed Harder

War Savings Stamp sales are to be pushed all through the county for the balance of the year, and every possible effort is to be made to send Gratiot over the top with its quota.

As a means to this end many of the retail stores of the county will sell war saving stamps during the balance of the year, and in each section of the county the youth will be under the direction of a local chairman. Charles R. Murphy has been appointed the local chairman here. The local chairman will make their reports to the county chairman, Francis King.

MAGAZINES TO SOLDIERS

The post office department has found that many of the magazines which are being left at the post offices to be sent to the soldiers are so old that they will have no great value, when received at the front, and asks that only current magazines be sent in the future. It suggests that weekly magazines, not over two weeks old, and monthly magazines not over two months old, are those which should be sent to the soldiers.

Magazines older than those are not wanted by the department for the soldiers and the various post masters are asked to send forward only the current numbers, as mentioned above.

MUST REGISTER

German Alien Females Required to Register This Month.

The United States government requires that the German alien females register this month, the date for the registration being set for Monday, June 17 to Wednesday, June 28, excepting Sundays.

German alien females in this vicinity will be required to register at the post office in this city, during the time stated by the government. Following their registration they will be given a card of registration, which they will be required to carry upon their person.

Failure to carry a registration card after the date set for registration, will mean arrest and detention for the period of the war, for those alien females found without the required card.

START BUILDING

Ground Broken This Week for Alma's New Ward School.

Ground was broken this week for the new \$45,000 ward school, which is to be erected this summer in the Elmwood sub-division east of Grover avenue.

It is expected that all necessary excavating for the new school will be completed before the week is over and when this is done the foundations will be started at once.

BIG ATTRACTIONS FOR

MOOSE GALA WEEK

Zeidman & Pollie Exposition Shows Coming Here for All of Next Week.

Next week will be Moose gala week in Alma, the local lodge having secured one of the biggest attractions of its kind for the week, the Zeidman & Pollie Exposition shows, which are the largest of the kind in the United States. The attraction has been secured for a big Moose benefit.

The Zeidman & Pollie Exposition shows have been twenty-five years in the business, and are clean, moral and refined. Particular stress has been laid on the fact that the shows have no gambling and no girl show, such as so many traveling companies have.

The company in coming to Alma is making the smallest city which it has visited, and is making Alma simply because of the prosperity which has come to this city, and because of the good railroad facilities which Alma offers.

The company carries forty high grade attractions, each and every one being high class and a feature. All of them are in the hands of competent showmen. The company is a Michigan organization, and carries a letter of recommendation from the mayor of Grand Rapids.

A uniformed concert band of twelve pieces is carried and will furnish music at matinees and shows, which will be held every day during the week, starting Monday.

The company is arranging for busses to be run from nearby towns to the grounds just to the east of the roller mills.

GETS LIBRARY

Friends of Reading Room Voted Institution into Lead at Finish.

The one hundred dollars worth of books and the thirty dollar bookcase which was the prize of the voting contest of the past six months, goes to the Alma Free Reading room, as a reward of the endeavors of the friends of this institution.

A week ago the contest was so close that it might be won by any one of the three leaders, Mrs. Brainerd, the Woodmen lodge or the Free Reading room. Friends of the reading room saw a chance to give it a fine library, which would add to that which it now has, and they worked, searching the town in behalf of votes for the institution—and got them. In fact the workers got a little over 600,000 more votes than were needed to land the prize for the reading room.

The Woodmen also put in some healthy bids and piled up over 800,000 votes during the week, but fell 500,000 short of the number that were turned in for the reading room.

The final standings of the contest follow:
Reading room 1,615,442
Woodmen 1,015,069
Mrs. Brainerd 394,675

PIONEER DEAD

George Nichols, aged 75 years, pioneer resident of the county, who had been engaged in the jewelry business in St. Louis for 47 years died at his home in that city Wednesday morning.

Dorothy Dalton in a story of the great out-doors—Idlehour, Monday—adv.

DR. CARNEY TO TAKE PARTNER

Dr. Harold deB Barss of University of Michigan Will Come to This City.

IS A WELL KNOWN SURGEON

He Has Been Resident Head of Surgical Department at Michigan for Four Years.

It became known this week that Dr. T. J. Carney of this city has formed a partnership with one of the best known surgeons in the state, who will come to Alma at the end of the present month to take up his new work with the well known Alma physician and surgeon. He is Dr. Harold deB Barss of Ann Arbor.

Dr. Harold deB Barss is one of the widely known surgeons of the state, although still a young man in the prime of life. For the past four years Dr. deB Barss has been the resident staff head of the surgical department of the University of Michigan, and during this time has gained a wide experience in surgical work, as practically all of the cases treated at the University of Michigan hospital during this time have passed through his hands, either for advice or for operation. Most of the operations at the hospital have been directed by, or performed by, him during this time.

Previous to his being made resident head of the surgical department, he was an interne at the hospital for about a year, and also gained a most valuable experience there during the course of that time. His work has been along general lines, and in all branches of surgical work during his connection with the university.

Dr. Harold deB Barss is a graduate of Rochester university with the degree of B. S. Before going to Rochester he studied for two years at the Baptist seminary in that city, before coming to the conclusion that he would make a better doctor than minister. He has leased a residence on Woodworth avenue from T. J. Clark and will move to this city with his family the latter part of the month.

In coming to Alma Dr. deB Barss is making a valuable connection, as is easily shown by the great practice which Dr. Carney has worked up during the short time that he has been in this city. Coming to Alma less than three years ago from New York, an entire stranger to Alma people, he has worked up a practice which is probably one of the best in the county. He also holds down the job of city health officer and takes care of this work in addition to his own heavy practice.

PASSED AWAY

Frank Gray Departed Life Monday Morning—Ill for Months.

Frank Gray, a resident of this city for the past twenty-three years passed away Monday morning. He had been ill of heart trouble and Bright's disease together with a nervous breakdown.

Mr. Gray had been in the restaurant business in this city for years, and before that had been connected with the Arcade hotel, and had a wide acquaintanceship around this section of the state.

Frank Gray was born in Tyrone, N. Y., in 1856. He came to Michigan when he was twenty-one years of age and located at Palo. Twenty-three years ago he came to Alma and resided here since that time.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Gray, two sons, Bert of Cleveland, Ohio, Will of Spokane, Washington, and one daughter, Carrie of Kewanee, Wis., and by one sister, Mrs. C. F. Brown of this city.

The funeral was held from the residence Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Priest officiating. The L. O. O. F. lodge of which he was a member had charge of the service at the grave in Riverside cemetery, where interment was made.

WINS LAST ONE

Nettie Strouse of Forest Hill Has Most Answers to Contest.

Nettie Strouse of Forest Hill is the winner of the last of the ten missing word contests of the Alma Record, this one ending the contest last week.

She came to the front last week with five missing words, having one more than anyone else who turned in an answer on the contest and she is entitled to the dollar which is given weekly to the winner of the contest for that week.

[She is asked to call at the Alma Record office and receive the dollar which she has won by successfully locating these words.